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S.B. NO. 6581 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY A CHILD OR YOUTH. (JUD)

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I stand up here in front of a comprehensive ethical and professional Judiciary Committee to present the state approach to the juvenile justice reform in competent and diligent defense. I will start with the word fear; I say that because the system has worked around fear and this is the explanation that I can think of when it comes to juvenile punishment. The imposition of life without parole sentences for juveniles who have been convicted of a serious crime like homicide and murder violate the 8th and 14th amendments.

By not giving the opportunity for these young juveniles to rehabilitate in which that is a standing of what correctional facilities do, I feel like this would not be helping them with education or being able to provide them the tools they might need to reinstate into society. What are the main things to remember is that these young juveniles are growing up in a correctional facility with not enough guidance or family guidance which brings mental health issues into question. with supporting this you'll be able to get further understanding the juveniles lifestyle when it comes to family or any type of issue he or she may have outside in society.

in finale I want to speak about my son Ahmet Ojeda inmate number 296990, who has been incarcerated in Connecticut correctional facilities for these are long 10 years. He is currently serving in 18 year suspended over at 30 sentences. Doing the past 10 years my son has had an outstanding Correctional record free of problems. my son has been incarcerated since the age of 18 and I feel that during the past 10 years he has been able to understand now at the age of 30 the actions and situations he face and currently faces and overcrowded correctional. doing this time now at the age of 30 he still has not been able to obtain any type of higher education or guidance to obtain this dream of his.

I would like to ask that my son have an opportunity to reinstate into society because during these past 10 years incarcerated he has great progress with support of friends and family. If given a second chance which I hope he will he will have a job and be able to further his education as a embalmer.

Thank you.

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